

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 is amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A focusing optic assembly comprising:
 - a focusing optic defining an optical axis;
 - a coarse drive unit for displacing said focusing optic along said axis;
 - 5 said coarse drive unit including a coarse belt drive for operatively connecting said coarse drive unit to said focusing optic;
 - a fine drive unit for displacing said focusing optic along said axis;
 - 10 said fine drive unit including a fine belt drive for operatively connecting said fine drive unit to said focusing optic;
 - a frame;
 - said coarse drive unit including a coarse actuating element
 - 15 mounted on said frame for actuating said coarse belt drive;
 - said fine drive unit including a fine actuating element mounted on said frame for actuating said fine belt drive; and,
 - said coarse actuating element and said fine actuating element being disposed in ~~spaced relationship to~~ said frame

20 separated a distance from each other by a portion of said frame
to preclude an inadvertent slipping from one of said actuating
elements to the other during a manual focusing operation by a
user of said focusing optic assembly.

2. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 1, wherein
said focusing optic is a monocular.

3. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 2, wherein
said monocular is a telescope.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) The focusing optic assembly of
claim 1, said coarse drive unit including:

a coarse output shaft rotatably journaled in said frame;

said coarse belt drive including a first coarse

5 direction-changing roller fixedly connected to said coarse output
shaft so as to rotate therewith; and,

said coarse actuating element being fixedly connected to
said coarse output shaft so as to impart rotation thereto and to
said first coarse direction-changing roller when actuated by an
10 operator.

6. (Previously Presented) A focusing optic assembly comprising:
a focusing optic defining an optical axis;
a coarse drive unit for displacing said focusing optic along
said axis;

5 said coarse drive unit including a coarse belt drive for
operatively connecting said coarse drive unit to said focusing
optic;

 a fine drive unit for displacing said focusing optic along
said axis;

10 said fine drive unit including a fine belt drive for
operatively connecting said fine drive unit to said focusing
optic;

 a frame;

 said coarse drive unit including a coarse actuating element
15 mounted on said frame for actuating said coarse belt drive;

 said fine drive unit including a fine actuating element
mounted on said frame for actuating said fine belt drive;

 said coarse actuating element and said fine actuating
element being disposed in spaced relationship to each other;

20 a coarse output shaft rotatably journaled in said frame;

 said coarse belt drive including a first coarse
direction-changing roller fixedly connected to said coarse output
shaft so as to rotate therewith;

 said coarse actuating element being fixedly connected to
25 said coarse output shaft so as to impart rotation thereto and to
said first coarse direction-changing roller when actuated by an
operator; and,

 said fine drive unit including:

 a fine output shaft rotatably journaled in said frame;

30 said fine belt drive including a first fine
direction-changing roller fixedly connected to said fine output
shaft so as to rotate therewith; and,

said fine actuating element being fixedly connected to said fine output shaft so as to impart rotation thereto when actuated by an operator.

7. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 6, said coarse and fine output shafts having respective ends disposed in said frame so as to be mutually adjacent; and, said coarse and fine drives being likewise arranged so as to be mutually adjacent.

8. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 7, said coarse and fine output shafts conjointly defining a common center axis; and, said coarse actuating element and said fine actuating element being coaxial to said common center axis.

9. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 8, said coarse and fine actuating elements being disposed one behind the other along said common center axis and being offset with respect to said optical axis.

10. (Previously Presented) The focusing optic assembly of claim 9, further comprising:

a threaded spindle connected to said focusing optic;

a nut threadably engaging said spindle;

said coarse drive unit including a second coarse direction-changing roller mounted on said nut so as to impart rotation thereto thereby moving said spindle to effect a coarse adjustment of said focusing optic; and, a coarse toothed belt

connecting said first and second coarse direction-changing
10 rollers and said first and second coarse direction-changing
rollers each having a set of outer teeth for meshing with the
teeth of said coarse toothed belt; and,

said fine drive unit including: a second fine
direction-changing roller mounted on said nut so as to impart
15 rotation thereto thereby moving said spindle to effect a fine
adjustment of said focusing optic; and, a fine toothed belt
connecting said first and second fine direction-changing rollers
and said first and second fine direction-changing rollers each
having a set of outer teeth for meshing with the teeth of said
20 fine toothed belt.

11. (Previously Presented) The focusing optic assembly of
claim 10, further comprising a tensioning device for imparting a
predetermined tension to each of said coarse and fine toothed
belts.

12. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 1, wherein
said fine drive unit is configured so as to provide a positioning
of said focus optic which is more precise by a factor of three
than said coarse drive unit.

13. (Original) The focusing optic assembly of claim 6, wherein
said coarse and fine output shafts are telescopically mounted one
inside the other.

14. (Previously Presented) The focusing optic assembly of

claim 1, wherein said focusing optic is displaced over a path
greater by a factor of three when actuating said coarse drive
unit for the same angular movement of said coarse and fine
5 drives.